

HOUSE WILL VOTE ON PROHIBITION ISSUE TOMORROW

After decades of ceaseless agitation, national prohibition has worked its way to preferred position before the House of Representatives. It will come up for immediate consideration tomorrow and will be voted on before night under unanimous agreement reached yesterday.

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The oratorical strife scheduled to

As Long as He Had to Be Nightingale, He'd Rather Have It English

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Otto George Nachtigall will be known hereafter as Nightingale, by order of Supreme Court Justice Giegerich.

Nightingale is twenty-nine years old and a candidate for the police force. He said he had been known all his life as Nightingale; but when he showed his birth certificate on becoming a candidate it was seen he was recorded as Nachtigall.

The court decided to legalize the name by which he was commonly known.

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Congress What It Did Yesterday

Program for the Prohibition Amendment Monday—The House to Adjourn Tuesday for the Holidays—Woman Suffrage and the Garabed Energy Generator Encouraged—Republicans in the House Revolt Against Voluntary Censorship—Spreckels on Food Administration by His Rivals in Business.

By W. V. BYARS.

Continuing before the Senate Committee on Manufactures yesterday, Claus H. Spreckels, president of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, brought his testimony to focus against what some have considered the weakest point in the system of the National Food Administration.

He condemned the control of the necessities of life by men who were interested in manufacturing or trading in them. Food administrators, he said, "should be like Caesar's wife—above suspicion."

As he doubted in his own case that he could be disinterested as a manufacturer of refined sugar in passing on his own interests and those of his rivals, "co-ordinated" with those of the public, he had sought to evade responsibility for "administering" sugar as well as refining it. When "invited" by Mr. George M. Rolph to a conference on the price of molasses and sirups and asked to accept the chairmanship of a committee for administering such prices, he had written Mr. Rolph afterward, that on reflection he doubted his competency. "It is impossible that I should sit there and judge myself," he said.

After thus reaching for the "solar plexus" of all the greatest Dollar-a-Year, patriotic experts of the country, Mr. Spreckels devoted his testimony to details of price-fixing. In answer to questions, he said that sugar consumers had no representative at price-fixing conferences. Against the price fixed for raw sugar he had "registered his own unalterable opposition," in writing, on the ground that it was too high.

In some detail he outlined price-fixing for Cuban sugar as an incident of diplomatic negotiation between the Cuban government and the United States, with the purchase of the entire Cuban crop in view at a fixed price, which would also fix the price of Louisiana sugar, of beet sugar, and finally of refined sugar, as bought by the public. He himself had held that it was not to the advantage of the public to purchase the entire Cuban crop, but rather to contract for it as needed. He had been informed that the object of food control was "not directed to the reduction of prices exclusively," but to securing a fair profit.

As part of the plan of food control he outlined, prices were to be "co-ordinated" so that all would bear a fixed relation to each other. Thus, wheat at \$2 a bushel would "co-ordinate" with sugar at 10 cents. Under such a system (though the witness did not so comment), the rise in one staple article, measuring the rest, would carry up all prices "like clockwork." Mr. Spreckels gave this

testimony very quietly, as if there was no room for surprises.

He did not conceal his dissatisfaction because of his own experience with unification and co-ordination. His former business rivals, though now his patriotic coadjutors, had co-ordinated and unified successfully from their standpoint. BU (condensing his explanation of the results as he felt them) they co-ordinated and unified themselves inside and him outside. He smiled very faintly at times, but the situation did not appeal to his sense of humor. He left the inference that sugar is now co-ordinated and controlled by the sugar trust and its allied interests, with authority supplied and enforced by the Government.

Senator Jones of New Mexico asked the witness if there were any legal authority to fix prices or to control the market. The witness could not say. He knew of none. In discussing the matter across their table, the Senators concluded that the only authority was involved by the method of giving or withholding license. In defining the relations to the Food Administration of anyone who revolted against its methods, the witness said they could compel him to consent or deny him license to do business. He will resume the stand Monday.

By continuing its survey of the war in executive session, the Senate Committee on Military Affairs leaves the public free to consider sugar, coal and other questions which do not directly concern the war. It is not likely that anything more of sensational interest relating to the war will be made public through the Senate before adjourning for the holidays.

At the opening of the House yesterday, Democratic Floor Leader Kitchin, secured unanimous consent to adjourn to 11 o'clock Monday, taking up the prohibition amendment, and closing debate so as to vote on it at 5 o'clock. It was resolved also that when the House adjourns on Tuesday next, it shall be to January 2, 1918.

A debate on woman suffrage resulted when the new Woman Suffrage Committee of the House attempted to "take over" all suffrage business still pending before the Judiciary Committee. The previous question was called on it after some members had charged others with being hostile to the ladies and all had insisted that they were in favor of doing everything, or almost everything, the ladies insist on.

Congressman Madden of Illinois said in the House yesterday that some House committees never meet at all except as a matter of form, so as to elect an ornamental chairman and vote a salary to a clerk whose hardest work during the session might be done in drawing the salary. He knew of a committee chairman who drew his clerk's salary for division with the clerk. He did not know whether or not the division was made and had his doubts about it.

Other Republicans supported him in his theory that while the Democrats were expecting patriotic unification there were some things Republicans ought not to be expected to bear calmly. There was, in fact, an open violation of the Patriotic Voluntary Censorship amounting to revolt if not to explosion. Then it was found that it had come prematurely on the question of giving an extra clerk to one of the hardest worked committees in the House—that on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. In that case the item was voted, but "first aid" of the same kind for the Committee on Rules was voted down triumphantly. The suffering Republicans demonstrated to their own satisfaction that the Democrats on the committee were too able-bodied to need more help from the Treasury than they were already getting.

"The miracles of today are the common places of tomorrow," said Mr. Garrett of Tennessee, yesterday in recommending the "Garabed Free Energy Generator" to the consideration of the House. Some members feared that if one man got control of a law of the universe with an invention, he might monopolize the use of the law. Others feared that the great power promised to be developed was not sufficiently safeguarded against misuse. Among other great hopes of the invention expressed, was the anticipation of the restoration of Mann from his present condition of degeneracy, as attributed to the fall of Adam. The possibilities of the discovery as a reality were considered in good faith, with some inevitable sarcasm. The joint resolution to give it a full and fair trial without expense to the Government passed.

W. S. Gifford, director of the Council of National Defense, asks emergency aid of \$300,000 from Congress for salaries and expenses until June 30 next. The request was forwarded in communications from the Secretaries of War and Treasury, with the director's explanation that the appropriation asked is "imperatively necessary on account of increase of work."



SUSAN AND TIM, EDITORS

THE LAST WEEK'S KUBIC KIDS' SHOPPING KONTEST BEGINS TOMORROW, MONDAY, DECEMBER 17.

Today's Sunday TIMES' advertisements will show you where to shop. So will the advertisements in the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday issues. If you are not already among the winners, here is your last chance to win your prize from the twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) worth of toys that will be awarded to those submitting to the Kubic Kid Editors the best Kubic Kid rhymes or illustrations, or both, that tell of the advantages of shopping at any one or more of the stores advertising in the columns of THE WASHINGTON TIMES.

K. S.—We are glad to have you help the child all you can. You, of course, must realize that it does not help the boy if you do all the work yourself. By so doing you might be "lucky" enough to win a prize. But would your boy benefit? The object of the contest is to bring to the surface any original ideas the boy himself may have on the subject, and even though rudely expressed, if the idea is good, it will receive consideration.

S. C.—Only those poems which relate to some article or store advertised in The Times will be considered when awarding prizes.

F. P.—It matters not as to the age of the prize seeker. The real young child stands as much chance of winning a prize as the older one. We particularly want the thought contained in the poem or the action suggested.

B. D.—The illustration may be in colors if desired, but prizes will be awarded from the standpoint of the quaintness of the drawings rather than from any other angle.

T. U.—We would welcome a contribution from your little girl. Thus far few girls have made bids for the prizes. Girls can draw and write as well as the boys. The prize awarded is always suited to the winner.

F. K.—All communications should be addressed to the Kubic Kid Editor, The Washington Times, Munsey Building, Washington, D. C.

G. U. SOCIETY TO DEBATE
FOR THE MERRICK MEDAL

Everything is in readiness for the oratorical treat at Georgetown University tonight where members of the Philodemic Society of the university meet in the Merrick debate, the greatest speaking event of the year, from the viewpoint of students. The question to be debated is: Should the Federal Government in time of war have absolute control of the press regarding all matters relating to the war in the conduct thereof?

The affirmative side will be supported by James C. Shannon, of Connecticut, and Theodore W. Delaney, of New York, the latter being president of the Georgetown University student council.

Robert J. Hilliard, formerly a resident of the District but now of Chicago, and Henry D. Keresey, of New York, will defend. The debate will be held in Gaston Hall and will commence at 8:15 o'clock.

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